Cyber Safety

Some parents allow their children to access social media sites, Skype, social gaming (including Fortnight) and mobile phones. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the dangers they face as they enter the online world. Please ensure you check the age rating of online sites as many of these have a 13+ age status in order for children to develop social maturity. The role of the school is to work in partnership with parents to provide an environment that encourages students to connect with each other and their community, so they can succeed and thrive. Parents, teachers and the community all play a role in fostering this environment. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have concerns around Cyber Safety. Please see the websites at the end of the newsletter for support.
State Athletics

Congratulations to Lachlan A who competed in the state athletics carnival on Wednesday. Lachlan made it through to the semi-finals. An amazing accomplishment.

Well done Lachie!

Debating Finalists

Congratulations to our senior A debating team who competed in the network final on Monday. The students debated the topic ‘That Technology Isolates Us’. The students were adjudicated by debaters from James Ruse High school. While the team did not win on the day, the students spoke with such commitment, poise and clarity. We are proud of the high achievement of this team and the amazing skills they have developed. Congratulations on your achievements this year.

Kindergarten Orientation

We have run our first Kindergarten orientation day and currently have 27 students enrolled for kindy in 2019. Thank you to Frixos and the Year 5 candidates for leaders in 2019 for hosting our new families for the morning. Orientation days will continue over the next 2 weeks.

Combined Band Performance with Tara and Kings

On Tuesday, our Senior Band participated in a combined concert with The Kings School and Tara Anglican School at the Kings School. After rehearsing during the day they presented a spectacular performance for family and friends in the evening. Thank you to all the tutors who assisted throughout the day. It was amazing to see over 140 musicians perform at the same time. Thank you Mrs Kelly who assisted in organising this event.

Burnside COSfest Movie Afternoon

Congratulations to all students who participated in the movie festival this year. Some amazing films displaying clever photography and great acting and editing skills. The ES1/stage 1 team along with the Stage 2 – Three Mask a teers and Stage 3 – Lego team will move onto the finals at Cumberland High School.
Thank you to the P&C Fundraising team for their efforts in raising funds for the school through the sports-a-thon this year. I would like to thank all families for their generous contributions. Today in assembly we held the draw for each class and acknowledged the families who contributed over $100. Congratulations Burnside – a fantastic community event.
Selective High School Application

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 14th March 2019. The applications must be made online between 9th October 2018 and 12th November 2018. Late applications will not be accepted. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at: https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7

Variation to Staff Development Days Term 4 Thursday 20th and Friday 21st December

Staff participate in Professional Learning each week after school and on Staff Development Days. We have gained approval, to vary the last two Staff Development Days with additional Professional Learning Sessions during the term. The staff agreed to the variation of the SDD on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st December with four twilight Professional Learning sessions in Term 3 and Term 4. Each session will be three hours of Professional Learning with the Cumberland Community of Schools. The change to the timetable will not impact families as students finish Term 4 on Wednesday 19th. Please contact After School Care if you require care during the school holidays.

EXTENDED LEAVE

Absences relating to travel will be marked as LEAVE on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year. If your child is to be absent for more than 10 school days, an Application for Extended Leave should be collected from the school office and completed and returned at least two weeks before travelling.

A letter will still be required for periods of travel less than 10 days, stating period of leave and date the student is returning to school. Where your child has had considerable time off due to sickness or recurring time off, a medical certificate may be requested.

If you intend on taking early leave at the end of the year please let staff know as they begin preparations for performances for Presentation Night.

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Staying safe online — a guide for parents http://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/

What is a digital citizen?
A digital citizen is a person who uses digital tools such as computers and mobile phones to interact with others, for example, sending SMS and email, posting pictures to social networking sites and participating in blogs and online discussions.

Why is digital citizenship important?
Digital citizenship is the concept of using technology responsibly and not misusing it to the disadvantage of others. As we spend more time online, it is vital to understand how to stay safe online.

Gae Bromwich
Principal
Road Safety

IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

It is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- **hold your child's hand.** Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult's hand. Until they are at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult.

- **talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads.

- **point out road safety dangers and differences** in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. Remember to park correctly outside the school.


2019 Classes and Organisation

We will shortly begin our planning for the school organisation for 2019. The number of classes in our school is determined according to the Department of Education’s staffing formula. Class size and allocation is also formed through this process. Due to our small school size, every student leaving or starting school affects this determination.

Therefore I ask that if you know your child will not be returning to Burnside next year please let us know in writing of where they will be moving to. Staff will spend many hours formulating classes however best laid plans will often need revising when our numbers change at the start of the year.

Staff consider many factors when formulating class lists such as academic ability, attitude and commitment towards learning, social well-being and friendships that support classroom learning. Social friendships ‘best friends’ are often not the best learning partners within rooms especially in years 3-6. Teachers therefore look at who makes great learning and collaborative teams while considering the resilience and wellbeing of each student.

If you have concerns regarding your child’s future development that you have not raised with their classroom teacher or myself that may/will impact their future development/ class placement or social wellbeing please do so in person or in writing within the next few weeks so these concerns can be addressed and/or considered during our planning process.

Assembly Award
Year 6 Disco – Thank you Year 6 – What a great evening!

The Glitz and Glamour of the 1980’s DISCO
Notes to be returned

Dance2bFit for Years 5 and 6 overdue $22.00
Kindergarten Calmsley Hill Farm Excursion due Friday, 2 November 2018 $38.00

P&C News

Thank you to all families for their continued support of our P&C Uniform Shop. Our parent volunteers do a wonderful job.

New sports shorts $25
A new style of sports short is now available for purchase across all sizes for $25. These new shorts better match our green and gold sports polo shirt.

*The remaining stock of the current style of shorts is now discounted to $10 (while stocks last).*

Both styles of shorts will continue to be accepted as school uniform due to their similar colour.

Kindergarten Orientation Days
The Uniform Shop will be open on all three Kindergarten Orientation Days. A big welcome to our new students – it’s very exciting to be trying on your uniform for big school!

Band Expo Tuesday 6th November

Interested in joining the fantastic school band at Burnside Public School? Our Band Expo is your opportunity to hear the band instruments and find out more information!

On Tuesday 6th November, there will be a band expo and demonstration in the school hall at 10.15am. This will be for all current year 2 students, as well as any interested current year 3-5 students. All the band instruments will be demonstrated, played, and students will be sent home with all the information on how to join the band! 2019 Band Membership is open for students in year 3-6.

*We look forward to welcoming new students into the 2019 Junior Band!* 

Taylor De Col
Directions in Music
K – 5 STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO BURNSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL IN 2019

To: The Principal, Burnside Public School

☐ My child / children will not be attending Burnside Public School in 2019.

Student Name: _______________________________ Class: __________
Student Name: _______________________________ Class: __________
Student Name: _______________________________ Class: __________

Last day of attendance: ____________________________________________

Name of new school: ________________________________________________

Signature: __________________________________ Date: __________

(Parent/Caregiver)

STUDENTS RETURNING LATE TO SCHOOL IN 2018

To: The Principal, Burnside Public School

☐ My child / children will be returning late to Burnside Public School because:

____________________________________________________________________

The anticipated date of return is: _________________________________________

Student Name: _______________________________ Class: __________
Student Name: _______________________________ Class: __________
Student Name: _______________________________ Class: __________

Signature: __________________________________ Date: __________

(Parent/Caregiver)